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REPORT OF THE LUCY MAUD MONTGOMERY FOUNDATION

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR MARCH 31, 1985, TO MARCH 31, 1986

By an order of His honor the Lieutenant Governor in Council dated June 13, 1985, the following appointments were made to the Lucy Maud Montgomery Foundation Board:

Francis W. P. Bolger, (reappointed)	Stanley Bridge;
Mrs. Arthur Campbell, (reappointed)	French River;
George Campbell, (reappointed)	Park Corner;
Mrs. Lorne Campbell, (reappointed)	New London;
Mrs. Keith Woodside, (reappointed)	Clinton;

At the first formal meeting of the Board pursuant to these appointments, the following members were elected to the executive: Dr. Francis W. P. Bolger, Chairman; Mrs. Lorne Campbell, Secretary; and Mrs. Keith Woodside, Treasurer.

The activities pursued by the members of the Board are as follows:

Two regular meetings of the Board were held, one in the Spring and one in the Fall. Many informal meetings of the Executive and Curators were also held.

In addition to conducting the ordinary business associated with efficiently operating the Lucy Maud Montgomery Birthplace, the Board made improvements to the property. The Board had the main roof shingled and stained at a cost of $2,500. Since the cellar entrance and kitchen were shingled last year, we now have the exterior in excellent condition.

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In June, a bronze plaque emphasizing L. M. Montgomery's association with the house, was affixed to the house close to the main entrance. The Board is justifiably proud of the improvements.

The Birthplace was open to the public from June 15 to September 30, 1985. It was also open on request in addition to those dates. Once again, Merle Cole served as Curator. She filled her onerous responsibilities with efficiency and affability. She was ably assisted by Ruth Burgoyne as Assistant Curator. Both these ladies will fill these same roles in the 1986 season.

Total admissions for the year were 9,442, an increase of 413 over 1984. Receipts for the year amounted to $16,378.08. Expenditures for the year amounted to 15,221.17 The profit in this category was $1,156.91. In addition, we have a book surplus of $695.

There is also a substantial bank balance of some $12,000 built up over the years. The money is in the Bank of Nova Scotia in Kensington. The finances of the Foundation are, thus, in a satisfactory state, and efficiently managed by our Treasurer, Edith Woodside.

The Foundation is an active member of the New London Tourist Association. Roma Campbell capably represents the Foundation at the many meetings of this Association.

I trust, Honourable Minister, that this report will meet with your satisfaction. We look forward to our next season at the Birthplace.

Yours truly,

Francis W. P. Bolger
Chairman
Lucy Maud Montgomery Foundation